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Dubuque nun headlines national news

## Farrell elected mayor

By Sandy Blake  
Feature Editor

From the East Coast to the West, from the *New York Times* to the *Chicago Tribune* to the *Denver Post*, the election of Sister Carolyn Farrell, 43, as mayor of Dubuque is headlining the news.

Further evidence of this national interest in Farrell is noted from her appearance on "A. M. Chicago," and an invitation to appear on "Good Morning America."

Farrell is frankly surprised at the interest in her election, but laughingly attributes it to the picture people conjure up of a grade school nun they had vs. a wide-eyed liberal.

In this form of government, the City Manager carries on all the policy that a five-member City Council sets up. The members of the City Council are elected by popular vote for four-year terms. During one year, three members are elected, and later two more.

To run for City Council, a citizen must submit a petition with a varying number of minimum signatures. A primary is held to reduce the number of candidates, and later the empty chairs on the City Council are filled.

One of the jobs of the City Council is to elect a mayor from among its members for a one-year term.

Farrell said that this is a somewhat cloudy issue. Although the City Code dictates that it is the Council that should elect the mayor, the Code doesn't specify how.

This lack of a specified method to elect the mayor has caused some controversy. In the past, several methods have been used.

According to Councilman Jim Brady, there has been a 26-year tradition to elect the senior member on the Council.

The other Council members, including Jack Felderman, who nominated Farrell, and Mike Pratt, take the view that the mayor should be the Council member with the most popular support and also represent the majority of the Council.

When Farrell ran for the City Council in 1977, she received a large margin of the vote, followed by Mike King and Brady.

The Council elected Farrell mayor by a 3 to 1 margin, with the



Sister Carolyn Farrell

votes of Felderman, Pratt and herself. King, who was rushed to Finley Hospital on New Year's Eve for an emergency appendectomy, was absent, but said that his vote would also have gone to Farrell.

The one vote against Farrell came from Brady who, in his second term and starting his seventh year on the Council, has yet to be elected mayor.

Brady stated, "I feel that it was a slap in the face to bypass me."

He added that he was sure that King, if he had been there, would have voted with the majority of the Council: "By sticking together, each was assured of a turn being mayor."

The role of the mayor in this form of government is quite different  
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## Clarke sends 5 delegates to county conventions

Four Clarke students and one administrator were elected delegates to the Democratic and Republican county conventions during Iowa precinct caucuses held Monday night. Students Lisa Freese, Peg Knapp, Ann Rielly and Anne Whitehead, and Sister Shiela O'Brien, Clarke academic dean, were among the hundreds of Iowans earning delegate slots for the March conventions.

Clarke representatives comprised nearly one-third of the record 150 persons attending the 22nd precinct Democratic caucus at Wahlert High School. The large number of Clarke participants proved advantageous in securing delegate seats. Four of the Democratic precinct's delegation of nine have Clarke ties.

The Clarke delegates were impressed by the statewide turnout, estimated at over 200,000 persons, which is three times higher than 1976 caucus-attendance figures. Clarke's Democratic delegates were particularly surprised at the number of the College's students in attendance at that precinct caucus.

"I was really shocked when I saw all the kids from Clarke," said Freese, sophomore. She attributed the Clarke representation to the

present political situation and to student curiosity concerning the procedure and purpose of the Iowa caucuses.

Freese will join Rielly, a Clarke freshman, and Sister Sheila as Carter delegates at the Democratic County Convention on March 8. Whitehead, a junior, will be Clarke's sole Kennedy delegate attending that convention where county delegates will elect delegates to the district convention from among their ranks.

Senior Peg Knapp was one of five delegates elected at the Republican precinct 22 caucus held at Senior High School. Of the nearly 50 persons in attendance, Knapp said about 10 per cent of the participants were Clarke students.

Though the Republican county delegates were not required to commit themselves to a particular candidate in order to be elected delegates, Knapp is presently leaning toward former United Nations Ambassador George Bush.

"I can't commit myself definitely yet," Knapp said. "I still have a lot of fact-finding to do."

Knapp will attend the Republican County Convention on March 1.



## Mayor's election peaks political career

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from that of the average city government.

According to Farrell, the responsibilities of the mayor include chairing each meeting of the City Council and representing the city at certain functions, such as ribbon-cuttings.

She added that the mayor is usually the first person contacted by the media when something goes wrong, and can also use the position to influence projects already in progress.

Farrell also joked that the big office in City Hall of Chicago mayor Jane Byrne is non-existent here in Dubuque — Farrell has a mailbox.

Farrell's interest and involvement in politics go back to 1965, when the changes in the Church began to occur.

Farrell said, "Religious life changed in such a way that I would have the freedom to become more and more involved."

In 1969, Farrell came to Dubuque as principal of St. Patrick's Catholic School, and became involved in local affairs.

She was the first woman appointed to the Dubuque Civil Service Commission, through which she met a lot of people. Later she was appointed to Governor Ray's "Iowa 2000 Task Force," a group of about 16 people from across the state looking toward Iowa's future in the year 2000.

Farrell also served on the BVM Administrative Board and the BVM Senate, as well as being a current member of Clarke's Board of Trustees.

Her decision to run for the Dubuque City Council came as a result of the encouragement and teasing of people who insisted that a woman was needed on the Council. In 1977, Farrell decided either to run or forget about politics, and the final outcome was a position on the Council.

Having a woman on the City Council didn't seem to bother the people of Dubuque. Apparently the fact that Farrell was a member of a religious community had little negative reaction either, because of the large number of votes she received in the elections.

But now that she is mayor, it seems that public opinion has changed. Reactions range from delight, to one person's response that, "Well, she kicked the habit. The next thing she'll kick is the order."

The BVM sisters are supportive of Farrell. She received congratulatory notes from both the past and current presidents of the order.

Clarke College President Dr. Meneve Dunham is pleased with Farrell's election. She said that she

and Farrell have discussed the difficulties that Farrell might encounter between her job as Director of Continuing Education here at Clarke, and her job as mayor. Apparently none are foreseen.

Although King said that no one has adequate time to hold a full time job and be mayor, he and the other members of the Council have every confidence in Farrell, Felderman citing her good management background.

Farrell considers herself fortunate in that, because she does not teach, she can plan her own working day here at Clarke, thus avoiding time conflicts.

It seems as though the most opposition to Farrell comes as a result of her membership in a religious community. Again, Farrell sees no problem. She states that the religious life is integrated, part of her. Farrell joined the order 26 years ago.

King said that anyone's upbringing will affect the way they vote, as his being a lawyer affects his vote.

In spite of Farrell's being a nun, Brady stated, "She sometimes does not have the morality that I expected of her at that (Council) table."

On the other hand, Pratt said that Farrell may tend to be more moral because of her vocation, al-

though he added that she is very open-minded.

Pratt cited a case when the Council wanted to push an adult bookstore in town out of business. Apparently Farrell took the view that as much as the Council didn't like it, the owner was operating a legal business and there was no legal justification for closing it down.

Farrell's fellow Council members praised her efforts profusely. Pratt said that Farrell has the "ability and professionalism to do one hell of a job."

## See & Ski set for Feb. 1-3

Clarke's See & Ski weekend, one of the two main admissions projects conducted each year, is scheduled for Feb. 1-3.

The See & Ski activity offers high school students the opportunity to visit the Clarke campus, meet with students and faculty in their areas of interest, and participate in a day of skiing at the Sundown Ski Area.

Admissions Director Ed Reger expects at least 60 high school students to participate in the weekend and he said housing is available for about 90.

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Annette Reiter, a 5-10 junior, the out-stretched hands of the at the Loras game held at last Saturday.

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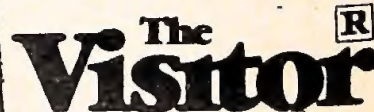
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# Clarke loses to Duhawks



Photo by Lucy Kennedy

Annette Reiter, a 5-10 junior, shoots over the out-stretched hands of her opponent at the Loras game held at Five Flags last Saturday.

By Jill Hickey  
 Staff Writer

The Clarke basketball team was defeated by Loras 77-50 on Loras' court at Five Flags Saturday.

Crusader coach, Jeff Warner acknowledged disappointment in the game, but attributed the loss mainly to inconsistent playing.

"We can't commit 17 turnovers in the first half, and expect to win the game," he said.

Warner recognized that offense and defense play was good, but again, "inconsistency was the downfall."

High scorers from Clarke were Annette Reiter, with 18 points, and

Mary Lou Anglin, with 16 points.

Warner is optimistic for the remaining season, however, and said that the team is working on both offensive and defensive play.

"We have a young team," he added. "Only two girls are juniors and the rest are underclassmen. We're working on recruiting several girls for next year." According to Warner, at this point, Clarke's team has eight players.

There are seven games left in the 1979-80 season including the Satellite Tournaments, to be held at University of Dubuque beginning Feb. 15.

## Search Committee reviews Academic Dean applications

Applications are now being reviewed for the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs (formerly Academic Dean) according to the Search Committee Chairperson, Mrs. Barbara Schick.

Fifty applications were received as of the Jan. 15 postmark deadline Schick said. She said the committee plans to have the applications read by Jan. 30. A meeting will then be

held where each committee member will present a list of the ten candidates he or she feels are best qualified.

After the field is narrowed down, Schick said "only a few" applicants will be called on campus for interviews. "We hope to have a decision by Easter," she said.

The position, which became vacant when Sister Sheila O'Brien announced her plans to resign at the close of her contract, will be effective July 15, 1980.

Members of the Search Committee are: Schick, chairperson appointed by President Dunham; Sister Mary Ellen Caldwell, elected by Department Chairpersons; Sister Anne Siegrist and Dr. Michael Conlon, elected by the Faculty Senate; Luanne Sweeney, representing undergraduate students; Mrs. Patricia Freiburger, representing continuing education students; Mrs. Barbara Hansen, representing graduate students, and James Pitz, appointed from the administration by Dunham.

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## Courier revamps format for improved coverage

The *Courier* introduces a new format with its first issue of the 1980s. Changes in physical makeup and overall focus of Clarke's student newspaper will provide improved quality of coverage and opportunity for increased innovativeness in the areas of writing and design.

Weekly publication will ensure continuity of news coverage, with priority given to Clarke-related issues. Tighter editing practices will be employed due to increased weekly space limitations. Emphasis will be placed on more immediate news coverage.

A *Courier* magazine, to be introduced in February, will provide the reader with more in-depth news and feature articles. The multi-page publication will be relatively free of the space limitation restrictions imposed on past *Courier* newspapers. This will be conducive to advances in page layout and design.

It is appropriate that, in the 50th year of publication, the *Courier* continues its growth by branching out and introducing new concepts to the College audience.

The *Courier* has been proud of its past journalistic performance. The publication has served the Clarke community well since its introduction in 1930.

*Courier* wants to continue its service to the College by improving its overall coverage. The new format will afford *Courier* staff members the opportunity to produce a better product for the reader.

*Courier* urges students to support the format change and encourages feedback from its readers in order to promote a stronger tool of communication for the College.

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## COURIER CAUCUS

*Editor's note: About 200 members of the Congregation of Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary met at Clarke from Dec. 29-Jan. 2 to elect major administrators in their institute. The Sisters were housed in student rooms. The following is reprinted from the BVM Newsletter, Vol. XV, No. 4, Jan. 1980.*

After active days of listening, speaking, and deliberating, Sisters returned to some surprises in their rooms in Mary Benedict Hall. Mary Cecil Kelly opened her door each night to a life-size reflection of Warren Beatty that moved toward the mirror as she closed the door. Mariella Stratton headed the petition, "Please water my plants when you arrive and before you leave." Anyone needing a temporary friend was able to grab a stuffed teddy or panda or spar insults with Miss Piggy.

Thanks, Clarke students, for all the small touches. It was cozy to go to sleep knowing that all those poster faces and stuffed toys were watching out for us. Yours was a special kind of hospitality. Let us know if we can reciprocate!

## CALENDAR

The cast for Clarke's next drama production, "The Playboy of the Western World" has been announced. The play, which will be staged Feb. 29 and March 1-2, is a humorous depiction of Irish village mentality around the turn of the century.

Cast members are as follows: Steve Abolt as Christopher Mahon; Tom Skore as Old Mahon; David Fyten as Michael James; Becky Heil as Pegeen Mike; Amy Ressler as Widow Quin; Greg Williams as Shawn Keogh; David Osborne as Philly; John Dwane as Jimmy; Peg Hess as Honor; Jamie Richardson as Sara Tansey; and Suzanne Schultz as Sausan Brady.

Pianist David Shaffer-Gottschalk of Detroit, Mich., will perform in a recital at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27 in the Clarke Music Hall.

The program will include works by Mendelssohn, Bach, Chopin, Beethoven and Liszt. The public is welcome free of charge.

An exhibit of fibers by area artists Janet Checker and Sharon Swenson will be on display at Clarke College's Gallery 1550 until Jan. 31.

The Red Cross Blood Bank will accept blood donations from interested volunteers Wed., Jan. 30 from noon to 3 p.m. Rides will be provided every 15 minutes from the Mary Josita Hall lobby starting at 11:45 a.m.

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## Phase out

By Yvonne Yoerger  
Co-Editor

Clarke's major program in nutrition/dietetics will be phased out by 1981 resulting from a recommendation approved by the Board of Trustees last Friday.

The recommendation was presented to the Planning Committee by Barbara Schick, nutrition department chairperson, in review of the five-year plan for the department. The Planning Committee then took the recommendation to the Board of Trustees with concurrence from the Educational Policy Committee.

Based on nine reasons supporting the nutrition phase out, the recommendation provides that present senior and junior majors will be allowed to complete their degree coursework to complete their degree.

Introductory nutrition will continue to be offered as an Area V course for all students along with an early childhood nutrition course for education majors, and a required course for nursing students. The faculty of future nutrition courses will be from a dedicated department of chemical and biological sciences.

"It's sad to lose the program," Dr. Meneve Dunham, Clarke president, said. "We've always been proud of the nutrition department," she continued, "but declining enrollment in the program was the major factor in the out decision."

Schick reported there are six classroom majors at the present time with only one underclassman in the program for major preparation. Dunham said there were only six inquiries from prospective freshmen in nutrition compared to several hundreds in other programs.

Using these figures, Schick said in her report, "Clearly, barring a miracle, this program will continue to decline."

Declining interest in the nutrition field is not a trend at Clarke alone, according to Schick. She pointed to a survey supplied by Iowa State University where there is an all-time low in nutrition enrollment despite a high ever total enrollment. Schick said it would be difficult for Clarke to outwit this kind of trend.

Nutrition students are "disappointed" or "let down" by the decision, she said they understand the move is for the school.

"It bothers me," said senior student Crowley, who is vice-president of the Dietetics Club. "It was an e-